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- **Maine State Chamber of Commerce**

Ms. Susan M. Lessard
Chair, Board of Environmental Protection
C/o Terry Hanson
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

April 1, 2010

Re: Petition to Intervene in Calais LNG Proceeding
SLODA: #L-24843-26-A-N
NRPA: #L-24843-TG-B-N; #L-24843-IW-C-N;
#L-24843-L6-D-N; #L-24843-4P-E-N
Air Emission Permit: #A-1029-71-A-N
Waste Discharge Permit: #W-9056-5O-A-N

Dear Chairwoman Lessard,

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned matter please find the Petition to Intervene on behalf of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce. Please add the Chamber to the Service List for any mailings going forward. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Dana E. Connors

**STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

CALAIS LNG PROJECT COMPANY, LLC)
 & CALAIS PIPELINE COMPANY, LLC)
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 Site Location of Development Act: #L-24843-)
 26-A-N)
 Natural Resources Protection Act: #L-24843-)
 TG-B-N; #L-24843-IW-C-N; #L-24843-L6-)
 D-N; #L-24843-4P-E-N)
 Air Emission License: #A-1029-71-A-N)
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PETITION TO INTERVENE BY MAINE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Now comes the Maine State Chamber of Commerce ("Chamber") and petitions to intervene as a party in the above-listed matter ("Calais LNG"). Pursuant to the Department's regulations governing hearings on applications of significant public interest (DEP Reg. Ch. 10 §5(A)(1)), a petition to intervene shall be granted if the petitioner demonstrates that it: (1) has a direct and substantial interest that may be affected by the proceeding; (2) has reasonably specific contentions regarding the subject matter of the hearing and the appropriate statutory criteria; and (3) is prepared and capable of participation in the hearing to support such contentions. As discussed below, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce meets these criteria and the Board of Environmental Protection should therefore grant this petition.

- I. The Maine State Chamber of Commerce has a direct and substantial interest that may be affected by this proceeding.**

As the State's most influential business advocate, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce works to ensure a business climate in which Maine State Chamber members, large and small, can compete successfully in the local, regional, national, and world marketplaces. Therefore, the protection of the State's environment is of critical importance to the Chamber. Maine's natural resources, including clean air and water, healthy forests, vast wilderness areas, unique wildlife and marine life, and its overall visual aesthetic motivate businesses to stay in Maine as well as attract new business to the State. Maine's own business climate is therefore dependent upon our State's own environmental health.

Because so many businesses in Maine are dependent upon the State's natural resources – and may also emit air emissions, produce stormwater runoff or generate other byproducts that may impact its natural resources – it is imperative that all businesses in Maine, current or proposed, meet all State statutory and regulatory environmental standards. Calais LNG is one such example. The project proposes to build a liquefied natural gas terminal and associated pipeline in eastern Washington County in order to provide a stable source of cleaner-burning natural gas to Maine and the rest of the New England region, help lower the cost of energy in Maine and provide stable generation capacity to renewable power sources such as wind energy.

Members of the Chamber, including those located in Washington County, will benefit from those lower energy costs derived from the Calais LNG project, and from the more diversified energy portfolio that natural gas provides -- so long as Calais LNG has no unreasonable adverse affects on the environment. Therefore, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce has a direct and substantial interest that may be affected by this proceeding.

II. The Maine State Chamber of Commerce has specific contentions regarding the subject matter of the hearing and the appropriate statutory criteria.

The Maine State Chamber of Commerce's contentions include, but are not limited to the following:

- The Calais LNG project will not unreasonably impact the existing natural environment, including existing uses, scenic character, air quality, water quality, or other natural resources in Washington County.
- Maine industries dependent upon the natural resources in the vicinity of the proposed Calais LNG project, including the lobster, scallop, clam and urchin fisheries, as well as the Maine pulp and paper industry, will not be adversely impacted by the construction or operation of the project's terminal, pipeline or pier, or by LNG vessel traffic.

III. The Maine State Chamber of Commerce is prepared and capable of participation.

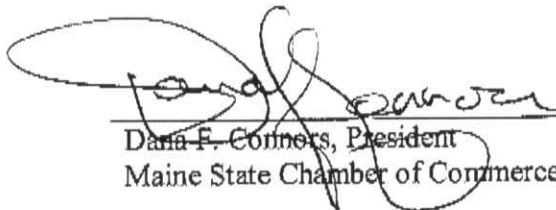
Last, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce is prepared and capable of participation in the hearing that will support its above-listed contentions. The Chamber will participate in all pre-hearing conferences and any public hearing held by the Board. It will provide pre-filed testimony and present witnesses at the hearing to discuss such testimony

IV. Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce has satisfied the requirements for intervention under the Department's regulations for hearings on applications of significant public interest and respectfully requests that it be granted Intervenor status.

DATED: April 1, 2010

Respectfully submitted,



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